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UPDATE

Western Presbyterian And IMF

Following the April 22, 1994 D.C. City Council hearing on whether to close the alley on the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) proposed development site, the IMF wrote a letter to D.C. Council Chair David Clarke stating that the Fund would not provide a copy of the contract between the Western Presbyterian Church and the IMF as had been requested at the hearing by Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans. Some have speculated that the contract contains provisions which would nullify the agreement between the two organizations and thereby prevent the relocation of a homeless feeding program from its present downtown commercial site to a residential area in Foggy Bottom. The IMF did agree to provide some funding for a feeding program or another worthy cause consistent with what other organizations have contributed in the past when alleys were closed.

On May 13th, the D.C. Corporation Counsel filed an appeal to overturn Judge Stanley Sporkin's April 15, 1994 Preliminary Injunction which permitted Western Presbyterian to operate a homeless feeding program at its new location at 24th and Virginia Avenue without a required variance. In a separate action, Western Presbyterian filed a motion on May 2, 1994 asking the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) to reconsider its unanimous decision to impose a variance requirement on the Church's homeless feeding program "in light of Judge Sporkin's finding that there is a substantial likelihood that the imposition of a variance requirement on the Church's homeless feeding program is unconstitutional and

otherwise in violation of federal law."

OCF Issues A Ruling On Swift Lawsuit

On May 2, 1994 the D.C. Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) and Board of Elections and Ethics issued a letter stating that they "did not find support for the allegation that a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest exists that would require an investigation in (ANC 2A Chairperson Jean) Swift's actions" as alleged by ANC Commissioners Maria Tyler and Ramona Lauda. Tyler and Lauda had filed a lawsuit alleging that Ms. Swift had a conflict of interest when she voted in favor of a resolution relating to the expansion of the GWU Marvin Center which is next to the rental apartment building where Ms. Swift resides.

The letter further states that Ms. Swift is an ANC commissioner elected by her neighbors to represent their views and "there is no provision in the ANC-2A manual suggesting that the chair must recuse herself because she and the residents she represents may have a strong interest in the outcome of the vote. . .presumably, every ANC member has the same kind of interest, personally and as her neighborhood representative." The D.C. Corporation Counsel has requested that the Court dismiss the case against Ms. Swift which has been scheduled for June 3, 1994.

Residents Testify on IMF Alley Closing

On April 22 a large contingent of residents gathered to testify before the City Council on a bill

to "close" the alley next to the old Western Presbyterian Church. The IMF is seeking to have the alley transferred to its ownership, a process which requires Council legislation.

The hearing was chaired by Council Chair David Clarke, with Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans in attendance during the entire hearing. (See Evans' "Council Comments" elsewhere in this issue.)

After IMF representatives testified, the ANC and FBA were heard, followed by citizens from various parts of the neighborhood. Most centered on the effects of IMF's purchase of the Western property and of the Miriam's Kitchen feeding program initiated just that week at the new 24th Street location. Other points made brought out IMF's past promises and statements, which the community feels are now being ignored.

ANC-2A Supports Stark's Bill

On April 26, 1994, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A gave testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on the District of Columbia in support of a bill which would overturn the D.C. Zoning Commission's approval of the proposed George Washington University/WETA project at 21st & H Streets. Ed Kelly, testifying on behalf of ANC-2A, stated that the proposed 116-foot building violates the 1910 Height Act which limits the height to 110 feet on this particular site. Kelly stated that Congress should "enact additional enforcement mechanisms to assure the

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FBNews "Best Association Newspaper"

The *Foggy Bottom News* was recently recognized as the best association newspaper by the Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia. The award, presented by the Federation Awards dinner, reads:

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"It is with admiration that the Federation presents this award to the *Foggy Bottom News* and to its Editor, Ms. Ellie Becker."

Editor Ellie Becker thanked the Federation for the recognition, and acknowledged the help of writer and ad manager Betty Olsen

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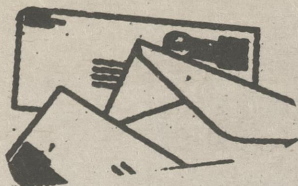
Hearing on Universities

An oversight hearing is scheduled June 6 on how universities comply with D.C. laws and regulations. See page 4 for more information.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 31, 1994
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, June 27)



Letters

Miller Not Angry

I refer to your "Note from the Editor" in the May issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*.

You stated that, "It saddens me, and I believe many others, to see people in our neighborhood take legal action, in such a public and angry fashion, against our hardworking ANC Commissioners."

Were you referring to the conflict of interest charges against ANC Chairperson Jean Swift or the recall petition against Edward Kelly?

Did you mean to imply that only Jean Swift and Edward Kelly are "hardworking ANC

Commissioners," while Commissioners Maria Tyler and Ramona Lauda, whom I joined in filing the conflict of interest suit, are not? If it is, that would indeed "sadden" me.

But I am already "saddened" by your stating that this suit was brought in an "angry fashion."

It was not.

The conflict of interest suit against Jean Swift and the recall petition against Edward Kelly were brought most reluctantly and not in an "angry fashion." They were brought only after repeated, patient efforts to have them disclose the details of negotiations to which the community were entitled.

These details are still secret.

You concluded your editorial by the words, "Surely there is a better way!"

There certainly was and is. Chairperson Swift could have recused herself and had another Commissioner conduct the

Foggy Bottom News negotiations and Edward Kelly could have kept those he represents informed of the details.

Chairperson Swift negotiating with her husband David Hamod, V.P. of the West End Tenants Association (WETA), are free to reach any agreements at any time with GWU and their Association, but she, as ANC-2A Chairperson, is not entitled to obligate ANC-2A to accept any of these GWU/WETA agreements.

Just as Congressman "Pete" Stark did not act in an "angry fashion," just as he wants the height law to be upheld, so did we act and so shall we act in the future, not in an "angry fashion" but soberly and diligently, and seek to uphold not only the letter but also the spirit of the law.

Dorothy Miller, V.P.
Columbia Plaza Tenants Assn.

Highlights of ANC-2A Meeting, May 12, 1994

The Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A met on May 12, 1994. Five substantive resolutions were all unanimously passed: (1) serious objections to specific provisions in the Comprehensive Plan bill compiled by D.C. City Council Chairman Dave Clarke's staff and a request for another hearing on the brand new provisions included in the bill; (2) a finding that the homeless feeding program at the new Western Presbyterian Church site has already become a "nuisance;" (3) support for At-Large Council Member John Ray's Congregate Housing bill; (4) request for a stop sign at 21st and F Streets, and (5) objection to a new public pay telephone at 2140 F Street.

There were also updates provided at the meeting on three projects: (1) the ANC will be forwarding to the Zoning Commission a Motion for Reconsideration of the map change for the new WETA/GWU building (from R-5-D to SP-2 instead of

C-3-C); (2) the Board of Zoning Adjustment will re-advertise GWU's proposal for a new Health and Wellness Center due to the need for an additional variance relating to lot occupan-

cy; and (3) the architect withdrew from the Historic Preservation Review Board the application for changes to 2507 I Street in the Foggy Bottom Historic District.

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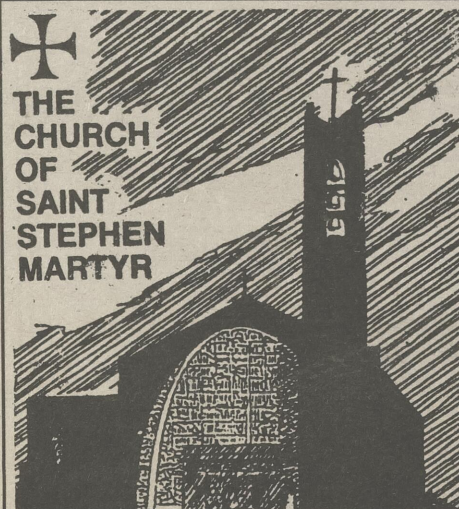
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Council Comments

The ongoing issue over where to relocate Miriam's Kitchen daily feeding program for more than 200 homeless individuals recently entered a new arena — the D.C. Council. The renewed debate took center stage at an April 22 D.C. Council hearing on legislation which would permit the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) proposal to expand onto Western Presbyterian Church's former location.

As part of a multi-million dollar plan to renovate its headquarters, the IMF must obtain Council approval to close the alley adjacent to the old church site at 1906 H Street, N.W. It was clear at the Council hearing that, once again, the Church and the IMF cannot address the fact they neglected to consult with the Foggy Bottom community, before, or even during, their decision to relocate the Church from 19th and H Streets, N.W. to 2401 Virginia Avenue.

What we do know is the Church and the IMF entered into a relationship which gave the Church a new building and expanded feeding site, seeks to give the IMF an enlarged headquarters building and clearly takes away the rights of many Foggy Bottom residents, particularly senior citizens, to maintain their quality of life.

The Church and the IMF point to the "amenities" package included in their deal as a defense of their actions. The package consists of a Visitors Center (to benefit IMF, not the community) and a multi-million dollar landscaping (again, primarily a benefit for the IMF).

At the hearing, I suggested the IMF's amenity to the community should be moving Miriam's Kitchen into their expanded headquarters at 19th and H Streets, N.W. and the alley closing should be contingent upon such an agreement.

As expected, the IMF balked at this proposal and claimed it would not be possible since they no longer have a relationship with the Church. With hopes of further analyzing this "relationship," I requested the IMF make available all agreements and amendments related to its purchase of the Church's property and relocation.

I received correspondence on May 4 which said the IMF's general counsel advised that such materials "should not be released under any conditions, since they are proprietary documents, completely unrelated and irrelevant to the subject of the alley closing." Foggy Bottom residents and I question this cavalier response; unfortunately, it is something we have all grown to expect from the IMF.

In a new twist, the May 4 letter detailed how the IMF has taken my idea of providing Miriam's Kitchen a new home and distorted it so, once again, the IMF and Church win and the community loses. The IMF now concedes it would "be willing to make a contribution to be used for a feeding program for the homeless, if that is the preference of the Council." While that was encouraging, the IMF then digressed further by stating it "will not commit funds beyond those normally required of property owners in an alley closing proceedings."

Even worse, the IMF completely abandons the problem it has placed on our community and details how it would be willing to provide funds to a church at 10th and G Streets, N.W. to expand its feeding programs. I am at a complete loss to see how, in any way,

For Foggy Bottom Seniors . . .

An Ice Cream Social

YOU ARE INVITED to an Ice Cream Social for Seniors on Saturday, June 25, 1994 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Stephen Martyr Church at 2436 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. This event is sponsored by the St. Stephen's Education Committee and El-Shaddai in cooperation with C.A.R.E. of Foggy Bottom, who are interested in developing a neighborhood program to assist seniors with grocery shopping and other errands. Transportation will be provided if you call the Church soon (785-0982) and let them know you want to come. There is no charge for admission.

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expanding a downtown feeding program would assist Foggy Bottom.

Even in light of their total disregard for the community, the IMF continues to press forward and has requested Council consideration of the alley closing by May 20 since, according to them, further delays would result in cost overruns of \$1 million per month.

The future of the legislation to permit the alley closing now lies, largely, in the hands of Council Chair David Clarke who has the sole authority in determining when, and if, the alley closing will come before the full Council for a vote.

I have repeatedly expressed to Council Chair Clarke my opposition to consideration of the alley closing until, and only if, the IMF agrees to relocate Miriam's Kitchen to its previous site.

Also, I am continuing to work with Foggy Bottom leaders to educate other Councilmembers on the need to vote against any proposal forwarded by Clarke which grants the alley closing unless the IMF can assist Foggy Bottom.

Jack Evans
Ward 2 Councilmember

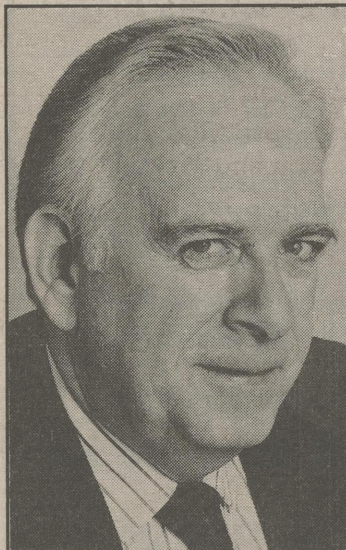
New Reports From NWHRC

Two new reports came out recently from the National Women's Health Resource Center, headquartered at 2440 M Street, N.W. The first is the March/April issue entitled "Hysterectomy: Know Your Options," answering questions women may have about hysterectomy, which medical conditions can lead to the recommendation for surgery, and what alternatives exist.

According to the Center, many women's health advocates charge that too many of these operations are performed unnecessarily. The report is available for \$2.00 prepaid from NWHRC, 2440 M Street, N.W., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20037.

Another report published this spring by the Center is entitled "Women and Nonprescription Drugs." Included are general safety messages about OTC drugs, drugs being switched from prescription to OTC, tips about pediatric dosing, and tamper-resistant packaging. The report is a joint effort by the Resource Center and the Non-prescription Drug Manufacturers Association.

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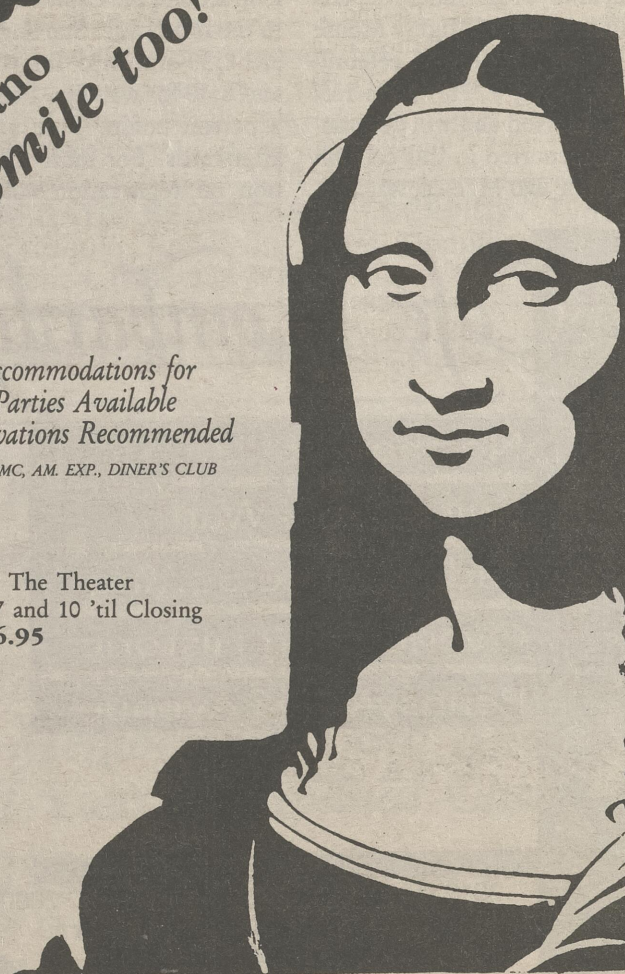
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By Betty Olsen

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The Garden Cafe in the State Plaza Hotel received a very nice review by **Phyllis C. Richman** in *The Washington Post* magazine recently. Richman compared the food fare and surroundings to a French country Inn. Perhaps **Warren Volk** the Brittany-born chef who apprenticed in his grandfather's restaurant there, influences the description. He also cooked in Florida, New Mexico, then in Virginia at Charlottesville's Boar's Head and Orange's Willow Grove Inn.

The Garden Cafe in The State Plaza Hotel is located at 2116 F St. NW, 202-861-8200.

Remember that blood pressures are checked each Friday at St. Mary's Court at 1 pm. If you are watching yours, this is a timely check for you. But call ahead at 223-5712 to be sure schedule hasn't been changed.

Casey's held a fundraiser recently for the **Donnie McNeal** Scholarship Fund. Invitations were mailed to various persons in the neighborhood who knew the affable man who for some time was the chef at Casey's and other local eateries. I will always remember McNeal in his costume of **Mighty Mouse** during one Halloween celebration at Casey's. He was a real people person and will be missed. As reported in this column sometime ago McNeal was kill-

ed by a drunken driver right before Christmas last year.

West End Citizens Association met recently with **Jimmy Molinelli** presiding. **Michael Wiener** of the Washington Internal Medicine Group was guest speaker.

Let's remember this Memorial Day those who have died for their country — 4,435 in the Revolutionary War; 4,505 in the War of 1812; a half million in the War Between the States; 2,446 in the Spanish American War; 116,516 in



World War I; 405,399 in World War II; 54,246 in Korea; 58,135 in Vietnam and many others in places around the globe throughout our history.

Columbia Hospital's National Race for the Cure celebrates its fifth anniversary on Saturday, June 18. Columbia Hospital for Women is once again seeking volunteers, runners and walkers to contribute to the annual event's success. This year, Race organizers have issued a challenge: each group that recruits significant numbers of registrants will be rewarded with a banner displaying the team's name at the Race site. Participants will start near the Washington Monument and loop around the Capitol building to the finish line. Starting times are 8:30 and 8:35 for runners and 8:40 for walkers. Fees: \$15 a person before June 10: \$18 afterwards. For more information on registration volunteer

needs or activities, call Ms. Macon, 202-293-6654. **Vice President and Mrs. Al Gore** are honorary co-chairmen this year, joined by a host of other celebrities such as **Florence Griffith Joyner** and Indy 500 race driver **Lynn St. James**.

St. Stephen's sponsored a community health fair recently at the church, with health care representatives from the neighborhood and the city. Information was available on cancer, heart health, massage therapy, dental screenings, hospice care, senior services, legal answers on wills, power of attorney and health advocacy, poison control, blood pressure controls, long term health care planning, housing for senior and handicapped citizens, and general internal medicine. Let us know in advance about the next one so we can spread the word.

Did you know that **Father Thomas Sheehan** of St. Stephen's is a clock enthusiast and an insomniac? In the wee hours of the morning when he wakes up and can't get back to sleep he tinkers with different clocks until they begin running again. When you visit the church note all the different ones in the various rooms, compliments of Fr. Sheehan.

Rosetta Schuman who recently moved to the neighborhood from Ohio to be near her children brings with her a love

of children's books. One specifically that she takes great pride in is one she wrote while being associated with Dr. Lendon Smith in Ohio, *Children's Lunch Box and Party Snacks*, an alternative nutrition book for children and all the family. Dr. Smith is an osteopath and homeopathic practitioner.

Tom Sherwood called the day after he spoke at the last Foggy Bottom Association meeting to thank everyone for inviting him to be a part of the monthly meeting. He said that he was so pleased to see and be with residents who were so interested in their city. Well, Tom, we were most pleased to have you with us — please come again and again. By the way, you don't even have to wear the FB T-Shirt when you return.

Enjoy the golden years — outdoors. The Golden Age Passport — available to any U.S. citizen or permanent resident over the age of 62 for \$10 — grants lifetime entrance into all national parks, recreation areas and monuments. The passport must be purchased in person at National Park Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. or at any park where a fee is charged. The pass allows free entry to one noncommercial passenger vehicle and its passengers. If you are blind or permanent disabled, the NPS offers a free Golden Access pass, which also must be picked up in person. To learn more, write to the National Park Service Office

Ray Holds Hearing On Universities

On Monday, June 6, Councilmember John Ray will hold an oversight hearing on implementation of D.C. laws and procedures as they relate to universities in the city. At the hearing comments from the public will be heard "on the manner in which universities . . . are required to comply with various laws . . . including but not limited to . . . environmental concerns, building codes and permits, land use and zoning, and alcohol beverage control."

Persons wishing to testify should contact Sandra McNair (724-8015) no later than Wednesday, June 1. Several representatives from the FBA plan to testify.

of Public Inquiries, PO Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

"Forbes magazine reported **Rush Limbaugh** made \$15 million last year. After taxes, he made \$8 million. And after snacks, he still cleared \$60,000." — David Letterman.

Hope you read elsewhere in this issue about the two new reports being offered by the National Women's Health Resource Center. One is on hysterectomy, the other is about nonprescription drugs, prepared in conjunction with the NDMA. Where have I heard that before? Oh, yes, that's where Ellie Becker works.

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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

The Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia held its 73rd Annual Awards Banquet in the Crystal Ballroom at Fort McNair Officers Club recently. **Ellie Becker**, editor of the *Foggy Bottom News*, was awarded a plaque for the *News* as best association newspaper, and **Jimmy Molinelli** received a special award for his active participation in community affairs in the Foggy Bottom/West End areas. Molinelli is treasurer of this association.

John Ray, the featured speaker of the evening, was awarded a BIG picture of Mt. Rushmore with Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Jefferson and "Ray." Ray was so pleased with it that he was heard to say as he left the ballroom that he was going to put it over his bed.

Also in attendance were: **Barbara Kahlow**, **Marilyn Rubin**, **Ramona Lauda**, **Maria and Geoffrey Tyler**, **Lucille Molinelli**, **Anne and Bob Charles**, **Mary and Chris Lamb**, **Barbara Julian**, **Elaine Bors**, **Ron Eng** and **Dawn Klausner** and **Betty Olsen** and others.

On *Sonia Live* on CNN recently **Barbara Kahlow** and **Rev. John Wimberly** went one-on-one concerning the neighborhood and the feeding program of Western Presbyterian Church at the new site. It went so well for "our" side that even Rev. Wimberly conceded that Kahlow won that bout. Kahlow spoke at one-third her usual

speed and even her father stated, "It was the first time I've understood her in years."

Pat Robertson picked up the program and agreed with Kahlow that when such a large feeding program is scheduled to come into a residential neighborhood that the citizens should be granted their wishes of safe asylum first and a program such as this shouldn't be included if the community doesn't want it.

Dan Rather's program on CBS's weekend news invited Kahlow also to appear concerning this issue. Hope that some of you saw the programs and if not there is a video floating around that perhaps you can view.

So sorry to hear that **Velma Ryan** died recently. The last time I saw this active lady was

good friends helping her get better.

Jack Evans' father is now in residence at Georgetown Retirement home. Evans will be closer to his dad when he settles in Georgetown after his September wedding.

Saw Evans standing in for the mayor at the 251st anniversary of Thomas Jefferson at the famed memorial recently.

Isabella Geppert went to Charlotte, NC, recently for a church doing.

Anne Charles recently returned from a visit in Darlington, Md., located on the west side of the state. Anne visited her childhood home there and enjoyed many memories of her earliest years as a child in a big stone house.

The Washington Independent



Velma Ryan (center) at Fall Festival.

when she attended the '93 Fall Festival staying the day and enjoying all.

Did you know that **Alec Baldwin**, yes, the actor, attended George Washington University at one time before transferring to New York University?

Mike Stevenson who just returned home from Jamaica in time to do his laundry and water his plants, was off again for ole London Towne to visit for a while with his sister, **Audrey**, who resides there. Now he's back in the city to tackle the suds again and to get ready to fly to France. His sister has rented a cottage in Provence for several friends and her lucky brother.

Dottie Cascione, another neighbor, who always has a smile for everyone, is recuperating after suffering a stroke. Dottie is lucky to have

Writer **Legal and Educational Fund, Inc.** and the **Friends of the Libraries of The George Washington University** recently had an award reception in Gelman Library for the **Joan G. Sugarman Children's Book Award** for 1992-1993. The Sugarman Children's literature award was established in 1987 by the Foggy Bottom resident in memory of her husband, **Norman A. Sugarman**. The award and prize money is presented in recognition of excellence in children's literature by regional authors.

Mrs. Sugarman, herself a writer for children and adults,



Happy Father's Day

has published six books. A former librarian, she has taught children's writing classes on the university level, lectured on the topic and recently developed a program on children's literature for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Independent Writers (WIW) with a membership of 2300 is the largest regional writers' association in the country.

Jaylee Mead has become the chair of the local Studio Theatre's Board of Trustees. Mead, who lives in Foggy Bottom, will oversee the renovation of its building and construction of a new theater space.

Sheraton City Center Tops In Community Service

The Sheraton City Centre, located in West End, has won an award for its community service. The American Hotel and Motel Association rated the hotel tops in the country for its contributions to its neighbors.

It has 20 community programs, including assisting senior citizens, in cooperation with IONA Senior Services, by taking them shopping and other errands. As reported earlier in the *News*, the Centre's employees also work with the children at Stevens Elementary School, as mentors and tutors, and other projects such as classes in cooking.

Ed. Note: The Sheraton is justifiably proud, as evidenced by a large banner on the front of the hotel. They deserve to "show off" their accomplishments a bit.

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Velma Ryan Dies in April

Potomac Plaza resident Velma Ryan, 92, died in early April, after suffering a stroke. She had also been ill with cancer. Ryan, a member of St. Stephen Martyr Church, was a retired State Department Intelligence research analyst. During her years in Foggy Bottom, Velma frequently attended FBA meetings and participated in its events. She is remembered by some for her annual sales of League of Women Voters' calendars, and her frequent reminders to exercise the voting privilege.

York's Jim Martin Dies in March

The York Apartments (20th and F Streets, N.W.) lost a valuable member of the tenants' association and the community by the death of Jim Martin on March 30 after several years battling with cancer. He had retired from the World Bank, and was a founding member of the York Apartments Tenants' Association in which he played a key role as both president and board member for almost continuous terms. He contributed many years at the outset to the negotiating process in the tenants' unsuccessful attempt to purchase the building and convert it to a condominium. The project was abandoned in 1983, and the building was purchased in 1987 by the New York developer, Peter Sharp and Inc.

A current tenant, Ms. Leona Schramm, got to know Jim dur-

ing the 1950s as her ballroom dance instructor at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. She spoke in tribute to Jim at his funeral, and would like to share these special memories:

"To all of us students he was the perfect instructor and every step had to be danced perfectly, or else we could not continue, but we all ended up getting our hard-earned trophies. We all fought to dance with Mr. Martin, due to his kindness, smile and graceful way of dancing.

"I have to give him the same perfect remarks at the York Apartments. When the cement trucks were in front of the building putting in a new sidewalk, Mr. Martin stood vigil for hours to see to it that no one would print their names in the wet cement. When he thought he could end his vigil, lo and behold, someone came along and did carve their name in the cement! Jim had a very difficult time getting over that print.

"As I speak for Tenants' Association, I must say he was loved by all."

Laetitia Combrinck

Give The Trees A Drink!

The D.C. government has been planting trees in our area, and they all need as much care as possible to survive. If there is one in front of your home or apartment building, please adopt it and see it has adequate water — or it won't survive.

Farewell To Foggy Bottom?

"Come live with us, we don't want you living there alone in Foggy Bottom."

This is my daughter Marylou, and I am grateful for her concern. But I am not alone. I have many old friends here, and I keep well occupied caring for 21 Featherstone Place, and involved with the problems of our Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

My loyal friends will tell you what Dennis MacCauley stands for: "Speak up! You CAN make a difference!" Not that I go looking for arguments. "I am of a calm and conciliatory disposition," I always say, "and I'll fight any man that says different."

We have this big house, you will have like your own apartment, you can come and go as you please."

But Marylou and David understand how an older man can get settled in his ways, and come to have an unreasonable affection for the homely byways of Foggy Bottom, a bit up Pennsylvania from the White House and as far west as Georgetown.

It's true, Featherstone Place is small, a typical Foggy Bottom townhouse of aged red brick, fourteen feet wide, with a postage stamp size yard. But Martha, as head of the Garden Club, made it bloom, and I have kept it up.

I dispensed with the yew hedge, in its place a border of waxy red and white begonias. The Ashley Rose promises me a dozen scarlet blooms a season; against the fence Martha's favorite, the old fashioned morning glory, its cream blossoms edged in red and blue, then, late summer the hardy petunias, in to late fall.

You see, I have managed to keep up Featherstone Place, now it is keeping me.

"We hear about crime in Washington, we worry about you."

Granted, things aren't the same. We have double locks on the doors, many of the

friends are gone, taxes and prices are sky high. Yes, I remember bread a dime a loaf, shoes six ninety eight, tuition a hundred twenty a term. But I do not say "the old days were best." We really try to feed the hungry, we know better ways

Now when Marylou calls, I see again a toddler clinging to my finger, a lovely girl walking up to receive her high school diploma, then, later a beaming, tearful bride.

to keep healthy, I appreciate my Social Security and Medicare.

Things change. It used to be, every morning there would be a quart of milk on the doorstep. Now I get my few groceries at the Safeway. Which is another object of our complaints. Why the specials so quickly sold out, many of the cheaper house brands "not in this store?" I speak up, but to little effect.

The children — we were concerned always for the children. Martha helped in the Child Care Group, the school lunch was the only good meal some of the children ever had. We were united on this; however, we differed on some things, the children should have a safe and proper home and good schooling. Now when Marylou calls, I see again a toddler clinging to my finger, a lovely girl walking up to receive here high school diploma, then, later, a beaming tearful bride.

When we gave her away to David, our home was much too small for the wedding. But I remember the quiet supper here at Featherstone Place, the night before the new couple were to leave for Ohio. Warm and filled with love. And Martha shed

ding a tear on my shoulder as we bid them goodbye, and we realized we were a middle-aged couple alone in an empty nest. Melancholy yes, but come, it is part of life! Children grow up, they leave, they establish their own homes.

I speak of Marylou. Yes, we had a son also, Chris, bright in his studies, football team, president of his class. Chris took a year off to save up for his college — then President Johnson tapped him for Vietnam.

"I promise you fathers and mothers, our boys are not going to be sent off to fight somebody else's war," said Johnson. Then, not a month later, Chris and fifty thousand more were sent off to Vietnam. We were more fortunate than some; at least they shipped his body back. Martha and I could go and sit by his grave.

This partly explains my crusade against wars, and the yellowed sheet on the kitchen wall. "Lines from An Unknown Soldier," "You give me for the life I gave, Warm tears, red roses for my grave, But this I ask instead of fame. Let wars be ended in my name."

Some day I hope to go and spit on Johnson's grave, he sent five million of our boys into the quagmire of Vietnam.

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Martha and I had 40 good years together in Featherstone Place, and here are crowded a thousand memories. On the oak

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mantle above the natural stone fireplace is Martha's picture, smiling, as she was the year before she became ill. The chair

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where she sat, as we watched the MacNeil Lehrer Newshour and Masterpiece Theater, often hoping for the phone to ring with Marylou's voice. The wool throw for the afternoon nap, the burly warm sweater for winter walks, still hanging in the closet. These are comfortable reminders of pleasant times, I can call them up in the early hours, when sleep won't come.

Then there is Dugan, my companion at Featherstone Place. A bouncy, whiskered schnauzer. He is now a bit the worse for wear, doesn't see too well and will sit down frequently, ignoring disrespectful cats and squirrels. We will have our walk, he will go back to inspect his feeding dish, give my hand a lick, lay his chops over his crossed paws, and doze off.

I know I was difficult sometimes to live with. Martha never got reconciled to my peculiar sense of humor. Each December, for instance, we Scots have our Scottish Christ-

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mas Walk in Alexandria, and I take pride in wearing my MacCauley kilts. Afterwards, I might say, "Anyone with a dollar is welcome to see what I wear underneath. If anything." Martha would say, "Tell that old joke one more time, I will scream."

Or the girls discussing clothes, the old Army joke, "I change my socks once a week whether they need it or not." "Not funny, McGee!"

Or Secretary Christopher — "His face reminds me of the pancake still stuck to the kitchen ceiling." "Unfair, the man is struggling with absolutely unsolvable emergencies."

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This month we had Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly at our Foggy Bottom Association meeting. "We are outraged that you are cutting the school budget," says old MacCauley, "to shortchange the most important thing we have, our children." And Tom Shepherd backs me up, there are shouts and applause. So the Mayor can go back and say, "The people in Foggy Bottom are also mad as hell about cutting the school budget; we have got to reconsider this." We can get a word in where it counts.

Then when our Councilmember Jack Evans comes, we ask him, "How come this abominable sanitation service, trash cans overflowing three days after pickup schedule?" I admit Sanitation people get little sympathy from me since we learned they have a better pay package than the school teachers.

Then each term, as a senior living in Foggy Bottom, I can take a course almost free at George Washington U. Stimulating.

"We're afraid you'll become ill, and no one there to care for you."

I am most aware that some

day in the shadows up ahead, I will come to a blank wall, meaning "No further." But I believe it will not mean "The End," but rather "Transfer Here," to a more perfect Being — no more Hostility or Fear, or Separation from those we care for. The Minister can say "A loving and caring husband and father." I ask no more than that.

And this is as much religion as I can give you right now.

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The sundial says "I only count the sunny hours." But I count the darker ones as well; after we

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pass through the shadows then we are truly thankful for the good times.

There have been low times.

After we learned that Martha's illness was terminal, I insisted she should be cared for at home. We had nurses and nurses, they clearly understood she should never reach out her hand but someone was there to

do for her. Then, scarce daylight one October morning, I realized there was no more response in that cold hand. So the doctor came, and then the two men in the black carryall, with the ugly black bag. I could not bear to watch, I sat on the back porch for an hour chilled through, there was no sun that morning.

Why do I call up this moment of heartbreak? Because it reminds us our time is limited to do the really important things. Because the darker strands are an essential part of the fabric of our lives. I am not grieving for the end, I am thankful for this wonderful woman and the many years we had together.

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Now Dugan comes to take me for our evening walk, a silly little dog carrying his leash in his mouth. Down the block I will meet my old friend Tim Carpenter and we will compliment each other on still moving around vertical and steering

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clear of the doctors. And Mrs. Friedman will be there in her wheelchair, feeling much better thank you, and a wonderful day, her little grandson came by to see her.

This is my world now, all pretty normal. As you see, here in Foggy Bottom I am comfortable, surrounded by the things and people that give meaning to my life. As long as I can walk easily down the familiar streets, as long as the children will smile at the friendly grandpa, as long as I can choose to Do This and not Do That — then I am Someone, not someone's burden.

Now I give you the Old Philosopher's blessing; "May your step be easy, may the sun light your way, may the wind be at your back, till you come safely again to the arms of your loved ones."

So thank you, Marylou, I love you and look forward to seeing you and David and my precious granddaughter Lisa, come Easter.

Meantime I will live here content, on day at a time.

Don Tobey

Board of Elections Needs Help

The D.C. Board of Elections is looking for residents of the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhood to serve as election day workers in future D.C. elections. Workers can earn as much as \$150.00 for working both the primary and general elections; \$65 for each election work day, plus \$10 for attending each pre-election training session. Polling places are located throughout the city and workers are assigned to a site near their homes. Interested individuals can call Leslie Hatch, Election Program Specialist, at 202/727-2525 for further information.

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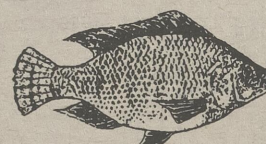
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Stark . . .

Height Act limits are not overlooked or undermined."

The proposed bill (H.R. 4242), which was introduced by Rep. "Pete" Stark, current chair of the D.C. Committee, would prohibit the District from issuing a building permit for the GWU/WETA project unless (1) the height was reduced to no more than 110 feet or (2) the penthouse is set back further from the exterior walls. Stark also introduced a second bill which would confirm existing limitations on the height of buildings and roof structures in D.C. and expand the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission to enforce such limitations.

Eleanor Holmes Norton is opposing Stark's legislation on the grounds that it would be an intrusion by the federal government into local home rule.

Comp Plan Revisions Impact Foggy Bottom

On May 17, 1994 the D.C. City Council met to review revisions to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Under an amendment proposed by John Ray, churches cannot operate feeding programs as a matter of right but must meet the standards established in the recently enacted Federal Religious Freedom Act. Using this standard, churches can only operate feeding programs if the government does not have a compelling interest, such as safety or crime.

Other changes to the Comprehensive Plan would substantially reduce or eliminate a living downtown. Developers will now be able to buy out the residential requirement for downtown projects as long as housing is funded for others areas of the District. This provision was strongly opposed by the Foggy Bottom and West End ANC 2A. Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans also opposed the change.

The final vote on the revised Plan is slated for June 21, 1994.

Learn CPR & First Aid

The National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross is conducting health and safety courses at its E Street chapter office, located at 2025 E Street NW. Pre-registration for courses is required. For information on course fees and registration, please call (202) 728-6531.

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Smith Center Offers Summer Memberships

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Items of Interest from the DC Register

By Barbara Kahlrow

Notices of Public Meetings

- 4/28 DC City Council's Human Services Committee on "Community Residence Facility Amendment Act of 1994"

New Laws

- 4/1 DC Act 10-210, "Cogeneration Facilities Appropriateness Standards Act of 1994"
- 4/1 DC Act 10-214, "Alcoholic Beverage Control Act & Rules Reform Amendment Act of 1994"

Other Notices

- 4/8 Hampton Cross, Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), appointment effective 4/4/94
- 4/15 "Comprehensive Development Incentive, Linkage & Street or Alley Closing Act of 1994" (Jarvis bill) introduced
- 4/22 DCRA's proposed rule "Environmental Policy Act Regulations"
- 4/29 Zoning Commission's Order for WETA/GWU project
- 4/29 Zoning Commission Notice of Filing of Text Amendment for Special Exception Provisions for the SP District



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and other FB citizens who contribute to the paper on a regular basis.

At the same event, Jimmy Molinelli was recognized for "dedicated community service and heroic action in defense of District law." Cited was the recent incident when he lay down in the street to stop an illegal bulldozing of a city tree, just the latest in an unending series of efforts to protect our community. Molinelli is president of the West End Citizens Association and a past president and current treasurer of the Federation.

Others honored were Police Chief Fred Thomas and Council Member John Ray.

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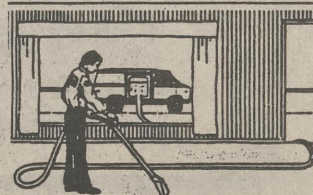
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